

REMARKS

The abstract and specification on pages 1, 3, 4 and 5 have been amended to describe that the present invention also applies to absorbent articles other than diapers, such as feminine hygiene articles. The basis for this change can be found on page 5, lines 19-25 and pages 6 and 7 of the specification.

Claims 9 and 12-27 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-8 and 9-10 have been amended to claim a feminine hygiene garment. The support for this amendment can be found on page 5, lines 19-25.

Claim 1 has been further amended to be similar to include the lotion components. Support for this amendment can be found in original claim 13.

Claims 28- 31 have been added. Claim 28 recites that the feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein the non-uniform manner comprises different amounts of the lotion at different locations of the topsheet. Claim 29 recites that the feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein the non-uniform pattern comprises macroscopic regions where no lotion is applied. Claim 30 recites that the feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein the non-uniform pattern comprises microscopic regions where no lotion is applied. Claim 31 recites that the feminine hygiene garment of Claim 1 wherein the non-uniform pattern is selected from the group comprising stripes, droplets, dots, or mixtures thereof. Support for this amendment can be found on page 26, line 1 to page 28, line 29.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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ABSTRACT

An article containing a liquid pervious topsheet coated with a lotion composition is disclosed. The lotion composition applied to the article in a nonuniform manner, preferably such there are regions on the article's topsheet that are not coated with lotion.